

Says Nixon Talk With K Was a 'Sorry' One

Sen. J. William Fulbright (D., Ark.) says he has been reliably informed that Vice President Richard M. Nixon expressed regret to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev over the timing of a captive nations resolution approved by Congress.

Sen. Fulbright's statement appeared designed to counter the GOP presidential nominee's repeated criticism of Sen. John F. Kennedy for saying the United States should have expressed regrets to Khrushchev over the U-2 flight if this would have saved the Paris summit meeting.

Sen. Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said his informant asserted Mr. Nixon told Khrushchev during his visit to Russia last summer that neither he nor President Eisenhower would have chosen to have the resolution approved just before the trip.

"Mr. Nixon added, 'after all, we are not that stupid,'" Sen. Fulbright quoted his source as saying.

Noting the Vice President's contention that there was no need to apologize for the U-2 flights because they were vital to U. S. security, Sen. Fulbright said, "yet, Mr. Nixon has apparently felt that the timing of the captive nations resolution was important."

The captive nations resolution expressed hope the Soviet satellite nations would be liberated.

Sen. Fulbright made his statement yesterday in a letter to Secretary of State Christian A. Herter renewing his demand that the transcript of the Nixon-Khrushchev talks be made public. (UPI)